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Shaw Named Police Chief

By Andree A. Belisle

SUTTON - On a 3-2 vote, the Sutton Board of Selectmen affirmed Town Administrator Dexter Blois' appointment of Alfred R. Shaw, 47, of Bourne, as the Town's new police Chief, effective November 6. He will succeed Chief Robert F. Conley Jr. who officially retires on November 30.

Voting in favor of the ratification were board members Rick LaBonte, Mike Chizy and Mary K. Connor; voting in opposition were Selectmen Wally Johnson and Carl Licopoli.

Chizy, who also served on the Screening Committee, called the selection of Shaw a "good choice." Al Shaw is well qualified for the position," Chizy said.

Selectmen Wally Johnson and Carl Licopoli, who said they had no quarrel with Shaw's qualifications, reaffirmed their belief that Conley's replacement should have come from within the department. "I for one," Johnson said, "in my own mind cannot ratify the appointment. I'm a strong believer that it should come from within the department."

Calling the selection "the end of a process," board member Mary K. Connor said it was "time to move on."

Several Sutton residents were present to hear the announcement. Albert Johnson of Putnam Hill Road argued against hiring someone from out of town. "What are they going to do for us?" he asked. "I don't think we need somebody coming from Pennsylvania for chief of police. Get somebody from town who knows the people."

Ed Wrenn, of Manchaug Road, disagreed with Johnson's statements. "This is 1989, not 1950, and to use the attitude that a person has to come from the town or the city or the state to be able to do an adequate job in an area where they were not born or raised - that's history," he said. "The world does not run that way any longer."

Wrenn then asked the board to "give the gentleman a fair opportunity by giving him a unanimous vote."

Licopoli responded, "The reason I voted the way I did is not for the fact that Mr. Shaw is from out of town or unqualified. He will get all my support in his job. I looked at the qualifications of all the candidates. Some might have been overqualified, and there is such a thing as being overqualified. I've looked at the ratings, at the way it was scaled. We don't have a troublesome department. There's a good foundation there and some people don't recognize it."

Connor defended Licopoli and Johnson's right to vote against ratification. "I think you owe it to the people who elected you to tell them how you feel on this issue," she said. "I'm sure a person coming into the job as chief of police will understand that."

"Everybody knows the stand I took from the very beginning on this police business," Wally Johnson said. "I've debated with the board, I've argued with the board. If Mr. Shaw is the man that his resume states he is, I'm sure he'll understand where I come from. I owe it to myself and to everyone else to stick by what I have been saying all the time."

Board Chairman Rick LaBonte, remarking that Sutton has an excellent police department, told his colleagues, "The quality of the chief we are getting will add to the department and the calibre of leadership."

Shaw will be paid an annual salary of $42,500. His first seven months on the job will be a probationary period. "We talked about a one year probationary period," Blois explained, "but he preferred a lesser period of time. I think it's appropriate because it gets us into July 1st from a fiscal year basis and July 1st for him having to relocate."

LaBonte also made a motion to give a vote of confidence to the town's Police Department. The board unanimously supported the motion.

Photo of Alfred Shaw taken during October 12 interview

Interview Provides Insight Into New Chief

By Andree A. Belisle

SUTTON - What can Sutton expect from its new Police Chief? How involved will he be in the community? How will he handle his new department? What expertise and new ideas will he bring to the job? These questions and others were answered during the final round of candidate interviews held on October 12.

Shaw, a detective sergeant for the Capitol Police, began his career in law enforcement as a part time police officer in Norfolk, Massachusetts, in 1967. He also served as Police Chief in Hellertown, Pennsylvania for four years.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University and is presently a candidate for his Master's degree in Public Administration at Northeastern.

Following is a summary of the questions and responses from that October 12 interview.

Q: What do you feel are the qualities of a good police chief?

A: "He has to be a good administrator, has to be a good role model for the community, and get involved in all aspects of the community. He has to be able to motivate the police department."

Q: What do you feel are the qualities of a good police department?

A: "They must be responsive to the needs of the community. They also have to go out there and participate and become part of the community. The police have to feel that they are responsible for the quality of life and the protection of property in that community."

Q: Why do you want to be the next Chief of the Sutton Police Department?

A: "The position I held in Pennsylvania was very similar to this. This town has impressed me. The process you went though has impressed me."

Q: What are your career goals?

A: "I want to become a chief of police again in a small community and I intend to stay there until I retire. I plan to continue my education to keep abreast of the changes, and I want to develop a well run, well organized police department that will respond to the community and increase the quality of life and be an example for other police departments to follow."

Q: What do you feel are the most pressing problems or pressures upon police departments today?

A: "First, economics with the constraints of Proposition 2 1/2. Be sure you're getting the most of out it and out of your personnel. One of the things I see in this community is the development of Rte. 146 and traffic. Drugs - a problem that we're all faced with - small towns, big cities. A lot of your problems, most of your problems, are motivated by the drug scene. If you deal with that issue, you're going to see other crimes go down."

Q: Operationally, how would you organize your department?

A: "I will have to study the manpower and the needs. One of the things I've done in the past, I've started off with a general meeting, talking with the police officers, getting acquainted. Immediately thereafter, I would have an interview with every one of the officers in the department. We would talk about what they do and don't like, the perception they have of the community."

Q: What are your feelings about shift assignments?

A: "You want to balance your personnel so you get the most out of them. I believe you should put the best people where they are the best. I believe in a rotation of shifts. I wouldn't just say, 'tomorrow you're on midnight and you're on days.' We would have a meeting about it to get some input. I might, as an example, think it would be a good idea to only change four times a year."

Q: What quantitative techniques would you use to rate operational efficiency?

A: "Something I have found effective in the past is a Patrolman's Log. It's a daily thing that runs for twelve months. If you're officer "A" and you did an excellent job, we make a note that you did an excellent job. If you have a problem with your report writing, we make a note of that. And that stays with you for a whole year. At the end of a year I give you back that page for that month. Some people might have to be evaluated on a quarterly basis to get them up to par with the rest of the people."

Q: How would you incorporate patrolmen into the management of the department?

A: "Give them responsibilities based on the skills, talents and desires that they have. Ask an officer what he would like to see happen. If you ask for enough items that he would like to see changed, there are always going to be two or three that are very good for the department. If we implement them, he gets credit for it. I think you should hold meetings. If there's a problem, have them come up with the solution. By getting them involved in management you're training them to be future managers."

Q: How would you incorporate sergeants into the management of the department?

A: "The same process. It's a training process. If they see you supervising them, they'll supervise their people. They're the second line, some of them are going to be running the department from day to day at different times because the chief can't be here 24 hours a day."

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We The People...

Takes issue with Statements made at Planning Board Meeting

To the Editor:

As Highway Surveyor, I would like to submit this rebuttal to comments made in the October 12th Chronicle by a lawyer for a builder and by a member of the Planning Board. [Mr. Chase is referring to statements made by Attorney Peter Keenan and Planning Board member Lillian Moore at the September 25 Planning Board meeting.]

Comments made to the Planning Board, by a lawyer, that the Town removed granite curbings along Grove Street and Church Street and replaced them with bituminous berms are totally false. If this lawyer had ever walked on either street, he would have noticed cement curbings on Church Street badly deteriorated and dangerous. On Grove Street, he would have found no curbings of any type, as one side had a grass gravel plot and the other was simply a 3 inch slab, square ended to the road. Both streets had seen the sidewalks patched many times over the past 45 years as they were installed by the W.P.A.

As for comments made by a Planning Board member that the Town doesn't much care where their granite curb is going, "they're pulling it out all over Town," these also are totally, totally false. In the past two years, we have removed the existing sidewalks on eight Town roads, overlayed these roads and reconstructed the walks. On not one of these roads has one piece of granite been found. We have found cement curbs, no curbs, or bituminous curbs. Because the Town did not have a large cash outlay for sidewalk reconstruction, it was voted to use bituminous at a Selectmen's meeting to insure the public's safety in using these badly decomposed sidewalks which were built some 45 years earlier by the W.P.A.

If the Town were in the road and home building business for profit, as are builders, then we would have had the money to use granite curbs and cement walks.

As for the question of the "missing" granite from Grafton Street, which was reconstructed some seven years ago, there is no question. If one reads the contract for the job, one would find that anything removed by the contractor became his property. This is a standard construction practice.

Recently, reconstruction of Millbury Avenue began. As the Town did not have the money to install granite, it was voted to use bituminous instead. However, in this contract the Town removed the existing granite - some 700 feet. This granite is stored at the Town Barn for all to see. Some 200 feet of this was installed on South Main Street, Maple Street, and a small piece on Grove Street.

Shortly, the sidewalk on Howe Avenue will be reconstructed. The granite here will remain. Pieces will be reset as required, and a new walk installed. Howe Avenue is the only road we've found with granite curbs that the W.P.A. installed.

I feel it is important for the Planning Board to keep in mind that the Town is trying to do as much as possible with the money we have to insure the public's safety in using sidewalks.

As for builders, they exist with one thing in mind - profit. If there were no profit there would be no new construction.

A builder should be held to the high standards that the Town meeting has voted upon them - not granted various changes because a builder says it's too expensive. As the chairperson of the Planning Board said, "The Town should have no interest in cost whatsoever," when it comes to a builder putting in a new project. The project should benefit the Town, not the builder. I urge the Planning Board to uphold the Town bylaws and require a builder to install granite curbs.

Joseph Chase
Highway Surveyor

Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will hold an auction at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

SUTTON - The West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, will feature the New England String Band of the Salvation Army in concert at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

SUTTON - Parent Workshop at Sutton Senior High School Dining Room (2nd of 4) 7-9 p.m. Session 2 will present SPECIFIC strategies for helping your teen to say "No" to the negative peer pressures of today.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

SUTTON - The Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship of the First Congregational Church will host a Haunted House at the church from 5-7 p.m. $1.00 admission charge.

SUTTON - The Sutton Fire Department will hold a Halloween Party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the center fire station. Prizes for best costume.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

MILLBURY - Friends of the Millbury Public Library meeting at 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON - Red Cross Blood Drive at the Dudley Gendron American Legion Post, Boston Road, from 3-8 p.m.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Selectmen Establish Committee to Discuss Reconsideration of Wheelabrator Contract

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The October 17 Selectmen's meeting opened at 7 p.m. With the exception of John Donnelly, all board members were present.

Lighting at Youth Center

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase reported that he has received costs estimates for two additional lights at the Youth Center, as proposed by board member Gerry Bleau at last week's meeting. The cost of two sodium vapor lights with vandal proof protection, including installation, would be $700. Bleau noted that an old street light in the area, if upgraded, would also help.

Light at Grafton and Riverlin Streets

Chase said a flashing light at Riverlin and Grafton Streets will be installed soon. The light will hang from an overhead cable, with a yellow flashing light in one direction and a flashing red light in the other.

Appeal

Chase reported that Clearview County Club is appealing the recent license suspension voted by the Board of Selectmen.

Police Business

At 7:15, Police Chief Ron Stokowski discussed an agreement signed on July 6 by the Personnel Board for payments to Special Police Officers. Stokowski said that Town Treasurer Dave Cofske has said the agreement must also be signed by the selectmen.

The agreement reads as follows: "Special Police Officers, while working assignments for the Town of Millbury, directly assigned by the Chief of Police, will be paid an hourly rate of $13.55 per hour with time and one half for work done on a holiday and for work done in excess of 8 contiguous hours. The rate being $20.33.

"Work assigned to private contractors will be paid as a Paid Detail Rate of a regular police officer. The rate being $20.33 per hour. (time and one-half) the base patrolman's pay.

"Time and one half after 8 contiguous hours, Sundays and holidays, the rate being $30.50."

During the discussion of the rates of pay for special officers and regular police officers, Stokowski said the fact that the board has signed vouchers since July amounts to approval of the rates.

Board members Bleau and Roland Lachance questioned the new rates for specials as they relate to pay for regulars. Bleau said he needed more time to think over the proposal.

Lachance asked for a clarification of details for private versus town functions. He maintained that basketball games should be considered town functions, which would result in a lower rate of pay. Stokowski confirmed that there were two rates, one for private and one for town functions. He also justified the rates by noting that the special police officers had "dug deep in their own pockets" to pay for 96 hours of training and their own equipment. Stokowski also said that all detail work is offered first to regulars before going to specials.

Selectman Donald Gauthier said he had no problem with the personnel board's recommendation and moved to sign the agreement. Lachance seconded the motion for discussion purposes. He said the matter should be discussed with the personnel board and considered next week.

Stokowski noted that some specials are drawing pay now and have been since July 1989. "They only reason I am here now is because the Town Treasurer wants the board's approval."

Selectman Jude Cristo asked if the board wanted to act on the motion or withdraw it. The board voted 2-2 on Gauthier's motion to sign the agreement, with Bleau and Lachance opposed. The tie vote defeated the motion.

It was suggested that payments continue until a meeting is held with the personnel board next week.

Later on in the meeting, Stokowski and Personnel Board Chairman Craig Coppola requested a few minutes to talk to the board about the agreement.

During the discussion, Lachance asked Coppola for his opinion on whether detail work at a high school sport function should be considered a private or town function. Coppola replied, "I don't know. What has it been historically," he asked. Stokowski replied that it has been a private contract for more than 18 years.

Gauthier then moved for reconsideration. Lachance seconded the motion. The vote 3-1 with Bleau opposed.

Stokowski noted that he did not receive approval from the Finance Committee for a transfer request to the

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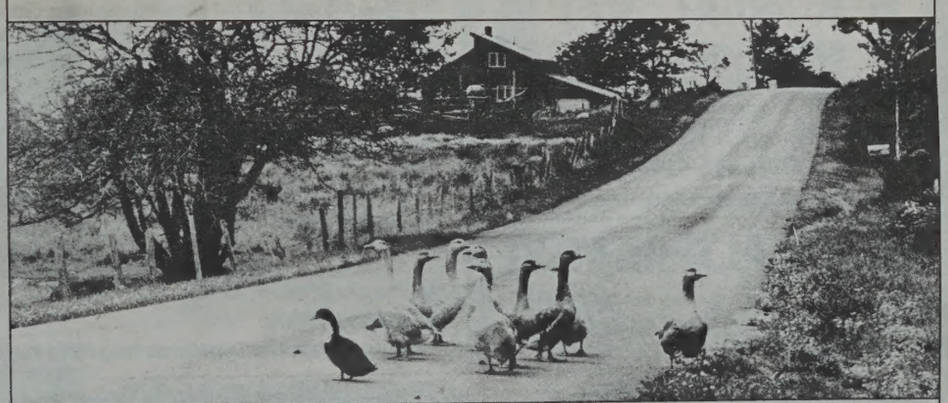

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revolving account for paid details. He said the finance committee wanted to meet with the Town Auditor before making a decision. According to Stokowski, the account is now "$467 in the hole." He also said that he told the finance committee that he did not feel comfortable signing vouchers when there are no funds in the account.

"We have no control over the finance committee," Cristo said. "You're trying to comply with the law concerning timely payment. The law is the law. You have to do what you have to do."

Opening on Sewerage Commission

Chase said he was aware of only two candidates for an opening on the Sewerage Commission: Gary Nelson and Hy Sclar. The board will be taking up the appointment next week with the present two members of the sewerage commission.

Resource Recovery

Cristo suggested that an "Old Business" agenda item dealing with resource recovery be taken off the weekly agenda and brought back if problems arise. The board concurred.

Bleau suggested that the Bench Mark testing done prior to the startup of the resource recovery facility be reviewed. Cristo said the matter should be taken to the Resource Recovery Advisory Committee for review.

Transfer Station

Chase reported that the baffle plate will be installed shortly at the Transfer Station. He also noted that there is no electrical power as yet but he said he follow up on the situation with Mass. Electric.

Cristo remarked that the transfer station is expected to be open on November 1st. He also said that a "punch list" will be reviewed with the contractor on the 28th. "Let's get the job done," he said.

Dorothy Pond Restoration Project

According to Rep. Paul Kollios, the issue of a Waterways License for the Dorothy Pond Restoration Project will not be resolved until the problem of residents' access to the pond is resolved. Chase said that work on the project will not get underway this year. Cristo suggested that Chase set up a meeting with BSC engineering, the project committee, and residents to come to some compromise. Chase said that BSC is looking at all possible alternatives.

Millbury Avenue

Board members expressed concern with the installation of I-type berm on Millbury Avenue. Lachance said he thought a Cape Cod berm was to be installed. Board members also were concerned with grading from the I berm to the residential lawns of homes on the south side of the street.

Lachance noted that Cape Cod berms were listed in the contract and asked who had authorized the change. Chase replied that Highway Surveyor Joe Chase made the recommendation for standardization purposes. It was noted that the town would get a rebate since the I-type berms are cheaper.

"We have a contract and someone else changes it," Lachance said. Earl Chase said he was not made aware of the change.

"The people down there know it," Lachance said. Cristo suggested that Chase take the matter up with the highway surveyor. "I'll give him a list of names for him to visit," Lachance said, noting that he had received several calls from residents on Millbury Avenue.

Illegal Dumping

At 8:00 p.m. the board met with Michael Conlon of Hastings Way, who expressed concerns about illegal dumping in his neighborhood. Cristo noted that the board is aware of the situation, and said all the trash being dumped isn't necessarily coming from Millbury. He asked Conlon to keep calling the police when dumping occurs.

Chief Stokowski said that the department received another complaint this morning. He remarked that the bylaw was weak and that fines under the general laws were stiffer.

Appointments

At 8:20, Jim Dwinell, acting as spokesman for the Board of Health, requested a clarification of the selection process for a replacement for Walter Weldon who retired on October 12. Cristo said that under the law, both boards would jointly vote on a candidate. Both boards agreed to make an appointment three weeks from tonight.

At 8:30, the board met with a candidate interested in serving on the Cable TV Oversight Committee. Bala Mullur, of Jonathan Avenue, told the board that he is a computer engineer and would like to serve the town in some way. He also said he had made suggestions for Shrewsbury's cable system while living in that town. Mullur said he was concerned with issues relating to more events, more channels, and easy access.

When Lachance asked him which community, Worcester Shrewsbury, or Millbury, had the worst system, Mullur replied, "I'll say Millbury."

Lachance then asked Mullur if he planned to stay long in Millbury. "With my mortgage," Mullur replied, "I'll have to be here for a while." His appointment was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Reconsideration and Renegotiation

At 8:45, James Dwinell, representing the board of health, explained that his board and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee had agreed on recommendations to be brought to the selectmen for reconsideration and renegotiation of the contract with Wheelabrator-Millbury Inc.

Dwinell listed the points for reconsideration: tonnage, guaranteed income, escalation clause, in lieu of taxes, recycling program.

George D'Auteuil, a member of the advisory committee, suggested that a committee be established to discuss the issues and said the committee should not be limited to the board of selectmen.

Cristo suggested that a committee sit down with Wheelabrator, ask them about recycling, and then get together for strategy. "Why wait?" Bleau asked. "Why not have a strategy before going in?"

After several minutes of discussion on the composition of a committee to discuss reconsideration and renegotiation, the board agreed on a motion to appoint three members: one selectman, one board of health member, and one member from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Tax on Cable TV

Lachance asked the board to authorize a letter to Rep. Paul Kollios and Sen. John Houston urging them not to endorse a tax increase on cable TV. He emphasized that such a tax would effect the elderly and people on fixed incomes. The board concurred with his concern.

Curbing

Gauthier raised an issue concerning statements made at a September 25 Planning Board meeting, as reported in the October 12 edition of the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle. The comments concerned a request for a waiver of granite curbing for the Silver Fox Subdivision.

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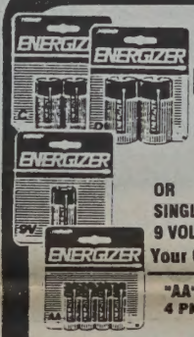

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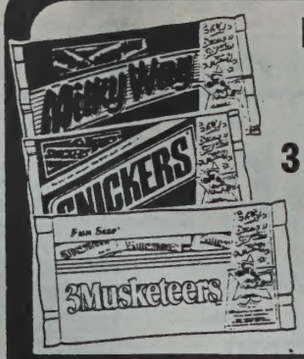

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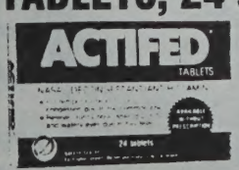

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Q: What are your feelings and plans concerning training?

A: "I believe in-service training is very important. One of the things that we've found that has worked in the past is finding the people's expertise in certain areas."

Q: What has been your experience in discipline cases?

A: "As a police chief, I have found that the most severe punishment I have ever given out was to fire somebody, and they resigned instead. I like to believe that if you can use positive discipline, that's the way to do it. 'You messed up, but let's train you so you won't mess up again.' There are two types of mistakes a policemen makes: one with the brain; one with the heart. The one with the brain is where we can train them. The one with the heart is where we have to come up with the most serious types of discipline.

"A lot of policemen don't like to write. They don't mind going out and doing police work, but to have to sit down and right a four page report is horrendous. I find that if you have to explain to me why you did something in writing, all of a sudden you're sitting there saying, 'How can I get around this. The old man knows, the Chief knows I messed up.' And you're trying to rationalize this on paper. I was trained that way. It's a learning experience and also you can help them with their writing skills."

Q: What has been your past involvement with unions?

A: "I have started one. As a police officer in Bourne, I negotiated on behalf of the police officers, and as Chief of Police I sat on the side of the town."

Q: What has been your experience in performance evaluations?

A: "I believe they're very important for setting goals and objectives for people. And then you guide them and help them set up a plan to attain these goals and objectives."

Q: How would you handle promotional opportunities?

A: "A program of selection for a supervisory position has to involve qualified people on the department. I don't believe any one area should be better than another. As an example, for years people placed a lot of emphasis on tests, and they still do it in civil service. Testing shows that you can memorize reams of paper. The way one performs in the street is important, the way one can articulate before a group of people or before a board. They should be psychologically fit. Finally, I believe nobody's strength should play any more than their weaknesses."

Q: How would you monitor or rate individual performance of your personnel?

A: "I would spend time with them. If you keep your eyes and ears open, they'll rate themselves."

Q: What do you feel is the Chief's responsibility to the taxpayers of Sutton concerning finances?

A: "You want to get good quality for every dollar expended. You can't change the numbers very much but what you want to do is take those numbers and get as much out of them as possible."

Q: How involved would you be in the day-to-day finances of the department?

A: "Budgeting is not a one time a year thing. You have to be doing it all the time. Not only what you get, but what you want to get next year. You've got to do your homework. The budget is very important, it's an on-going daily routine."

Q: What would you do to improve the public image of the Sutton Police Department?

A: I'm really not sure what the public image is of the police department. I don't think it has a bad image but I think it can be improved by creating programs, by getting involved in things, by being more visible. Public relations is something that doesn't cost a lot of money. Open up the police department to the town. A lot of times you have that 'we'-'they' kind of thing. We're the police and they're the citizens, so they're the enemy. That's not the case."

Q: How accessible would you be to the general public?

A: "I'm usually out on the street where people can see me and know who I am. I have always designated a particular time of the week that I'm available. If they want to come in and talk about Mary or Johnny I'll have that particular time when I'm available regularly, but they can come in anytime."

Q: How would you handle complaints?

A: "They will all be investigated. They might not be legitimate, but they are legitimate to the person. People don't always understand. They watch television and see policemen doing these wonderful things like taking fingerprints off a rock. You can't take fingerprints off a rock. So somebody comes in and says, 'I had this rock thrown through my window and the policeman didn't take any fingerprints.' And that's a complaint. So you sit down and explain to them, and show them if you have to, that that doesn't work.

"I'll go out there and do whatever has to be done to investigate. It's usually somebody who perceives something and didn't have all the facts, but I'm glad they brought it to my attention. If it had been legitimate, the problem would have been solved and the citizen would have had all the facts."

Q: How would you handle compliments?

A: "Any time an individual officer is complimented, I give him a copy in writing or verbalize it. I also think it should be posted for the general public."

Q: How would you interact with other departments, the town administrator and the board of selectmen?

A: We're a team. If you're trying to accomplish goals you have to work as a team. There's going to be a time I'm going to need the public works director because I've made a raid and I'm going to need a pickup truck at 2:00 a.m. I hope I'll get to know him well enough that I'll be able to call him up at that time. There's also going to be a time when there's an emergency such as a water pipe break and he calls me and says he's going to need somebody out there.

"You have to be accessible. To me, when you work for a community, you're not just the chief of police. You become public property to a degree and you have to be available. I'll work with all of you. There's no one of us that works for the town that is any better than anyone else."

Q: Do you have any ideas on the issue of equipment for the police department?

A: "There are a lot of issues you have to look at. Right now, the 9mm for a weapon is a real hot item. I've had some reservations about patrol officers carrying them. I'm a firearms instructor and I've looked into the major types of weapons and I've fired them all. Another new item is Web Belts, they're lighter, more durable, they don't scratch, they last forever. You have to research equipment to decide what you need."

Q. How would you be involved in the maintenance of the department's equipment and facility?

A: "The men will be responsible for that. If they need training, we'll get them trained. Woe be the day I find it not that way because that's public relations. I was in a town recently and I saw four cruisers, four different colors, and they all looked like they'd been in a demolition derby. That tells you an awful lot about the community. When I took over Hellertown, we had three cruisers, three different colors.I painted them all the same color and the kids came to me and said, 'Gee, that wasn't fair, now we can't tell where you are any more.'"

Q: How do you feel about bulletproof vests?

A: "I believe they should be worn. A lot of departments use them, it depends on management. You have to be careful with liability because if it's issued and they don't wear it, and they get injured on the job, they could lose some serious benefits."

Q: What would you do for the School System?

A: "We developed a program called P.A.C.T. (Police as Classroom Teachers). We got a lot of people involved and we went out and developed a program where we went into the school system starting out with kindergarten and following all the way through. The program started off with the basics of getting to know a policeman. We talked about equipment and what it does. The next year we talked about safety. At a very

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young age we start talking about drugs. Little kids think of drugs as medicine. So we told them the only one who should give you medicine is mommy, daddy, doctor or nurse. Around the third grade, a lot of kids try lifting things. So in the program we talked about stealing. And every year the program gets a little more complex.

"One of the ways to get the community and the police working together is through the children because children really like to talk to policemen, and if they ever need help you don't want them to run away from a policeman. I've had policemen go up to a small child and they run away because their parents may have been in trouble with the police or the parents have said, 'If you're bad I'm going to take you to the police station.' That's a very negative thing to do. So we try to counteract that by letting them know we're a friend and by getting them to know all the policemen in the department. We'll say to the kids, 'When you see a policeman, wave to him.' Pretty soon you'd see people going by and the kids would be waving to the policeman and the policeman would wave back, and the kids would say, 'That's Officer Jones, he was in my school the other day.' Pretty soon you had the whole family waving. Now you go to a call for some tragedy and he's no longer a stranger, you know this guy."

Q: What about programs for the elderly?

A: "I used to go around to the high rises in the town and run seminars. A lot of time the elderly become targets for scams like roofing jobs or sealing driveways, so you educate them. Tell them that if someone says something like that, they should reply, 'Ok, I'm going to call the police department to see if you're okay.' The guy then gets in his pickup truck and is down the road because the citizens get to know that you will respond. These guys talk about the town and if you have an easy police department and they tolerate this, they'll come and mess up."

Shaw appears to have expertise in dealing with all segments of the community. His new position as Chief of Police should signal some positive changes in the department and a reinforcement of the values established by retiring Chief Robert Conley. It will now be up to the department and the community at-large to put any misgivings behind them and support his efforts to "develop a well run, well organized police department that will respond to the community and increase the quality of life...."

Harvest Time

By Everett Swenson

'Tis Harvest Time amongst the fields
The golden stocks exhume their fruit
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The pumpkins with their golden hue
To decorate a goblin's lamp
Or fill a shell of crust to brew
To make it good and not to scamp.

This harvest of some farmer's toil
All summer did he tend the stocks
To gather larder in the fall
Subsistence for God's lowly flock.

The corn its stock so tanned from frost
Its leaves in withered form hang down
The cob now ripened with its tasseling tossed
Awaiting harvest with its kernels grown.

For soon the winter sets its way
And chilling winds come into play
'Tis then the fruits of harvest vest
A jug of cider at its best.

Potential West Millbury Development Discussed

By Alex Belisle

MILLBURY - All members of the Planning Board were present for the October 16 meeting. Among the items discussed were a report from the Historical Commission and an informal discussion of plans to develop property in West Millbury.

Traffic Signal Light

Town Planner David Hulseberg notified the board that the State had approved a traffic signal light for the intersection of Grafton Road and the entrance/exit (Exit 11) of the Massachusetts Turnpike. According to Hulseberg, the signal light is expected to be operational by January 1990.

Reversal of Appeals Court Decision

Chairwoman Anna Lewandowski read an article from the August edition of "Land Use Manager," a publication from the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The portion read dealt with the reversal of the Appeals Court decision in Miles v. Planning Board Millbury by the Massachusetts Supreme Court. The contents of the decision addressed road construction and reconstruction issues discussed at the last planning board meeting. According to the decision, towns may exercise discretion between laying out of new streets and the reconstruction of older, existing ones. "In sum," the decision stated, "what the proviso requires is that the board compare like town buildings to like private buildings.... A town board is not forced to compare the standards of old town construction to new private construction; or the standards of town reconstruction to the private laying out of new streets; or the standards of town building or commercially zoned areas to private buildings in residential areas. The town may wish to vary its own standards between reconstruction and new construction, or between commercially zoned and residential neighborhoods."

Historical Commission Report

Cynthia Burr, Chairwoman of the Historical Commission, presented a report which consists of an inventory of 250 Millbury structures that have historical significance. Other commission members in attendance were Mary West, Paul Turgeon, Gerard Laflash, and Lincoln Bordeaux.

Burr explained that the project is the result of work done over the last ten years. The inventory consists of pictures and backgrounds on each structure. According to Burr, the inventory will allow local boards and individual owners to be aware of structures that have historical significance, and permit boards to advise owners if planned alterations will jeopardize the historical nature of the property.

The inventory was also compiled as a necessary condition to establishing historical districts. "Several districts are recommended as full fledged historical districts," Burr said, "and there are three or

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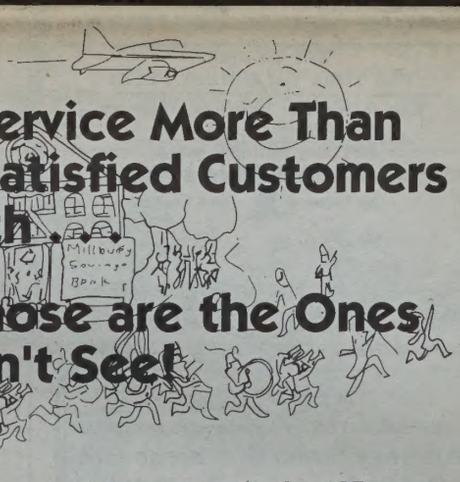

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Testimonial Dinner for 'Chick' Conley

SUTTON - A testimonial dinner party for retiring Sutton Police Chief Robert "Chick" Conley will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club on Friday, November 3. The evening will begin with cocktails at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 8:00. Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office and the police station. Tickets are limited.

Conley has served on the town's police force for over 20 years, and will be retiring on October 27.

Houston Office Hours

BOSTON - A member of Senator John Houston's staff will hold office hours on the third Thursday of each month from 1-2 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library and from 2-3 p.m. at the Sutton Town Hall.

Citizens can also call Houston's Worcester office at 72 Cambridge Street (792-6202) or the State House office at (617) 722-1485. Residents from any town in the district can attend office hours in another town on the schedule if it is more convenient.

Flu Clinic in Sutton

SUTTON - A Flu Clinic will be held at the Dudley Gendron Post, Boston Road, on Wednesday, November 1, from 9-10 a.m. for high risk residents of Sutton. Pre-registration is advised. To register, call the Board of Health Office at 865-4279 between the hours of 9-12 and 12:30-3:00, Monday through Friday.

Any questions concerning the vaccine requirements can be answered by calling Elaine Ermansky, R.N., at the Sutton Nurses Office, 865-6378, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m.

Recycling at Millbury Landfill

The Millbury Board of Health wishes to announce that a recycling operation will be conducted at the Riverlin Street landfill/transfer station. A container will be available for newspapers and magazines and an area will be made for the deposit of leaves and grass clippings. A Salvation Army container will also be available for the deposit of **GOOD** clothing.

We ask the cooperation of all the townspeople in helping our recycling efforts. Please be sure that all materials are placed in the proper deposit areas and please observe the following:

Papers - newspapers and magazines only. To be tied with string or placed in brown paper bags. Do not place in plastic bags!

Clothing - good, reusable clothing only.

Leaves and grass clippings - these are not to be mixed with any other articles.

Millbury Board of Health

Fall Bazaar

WORCESTER - St. Peter's Church, 929 Main Street, will sponsor a Fall Gathering Bazaar at the new parish hall behind the church on November 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The following will be featured: Chinese auction, raffle, children's games, hand made items, white elephant table, baked goods, snack bar. Admission is free.

Turkey Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold their 57th annual Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 4. This all-you-can-eat family-style supper will have three sittings, by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased for the 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. sittings at the church office. Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $3.00 for preteens. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

The menu will include Roast Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Stuffing, Boiled Onions, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, and Indian Pudding a la Mode.

Honored for Years of Service

SUTTON - Norman Lavergne of Sutton was among those honored recently for 10 years of service at Thom McAn Shoe Company. A "Service Recognition Day" was held on Wednesday, September 27.

Concert in Sutton

SUTTON - The West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, will feature the New England String Band of the Salvation Army in concert on Saturday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. There will be special selections by Lloyd Reslow, leader of the band and director of music. In addition, selections on the nocarina and musical glasses will be featured. Refreshments will be served after the concert. The public is invited to attend.

Blood Pressure Clinics

MILLBURY - The District Nursing Blood pressure clinics for the month of November are as follows: **ASA WATERS MANSION**, 123 Elm Street, Tuesday, November 7, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; **CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS** (residents only), Thursday, November 16, 1-2 p.m.; **COLONIAL APARTMENTS**, Colonial Drive, Thursday, November 30, 1-2 p.m.; **LINDEN APARTMENTS**, Pearl Street, Wednesday, November 15, 1-2 p.m.; **STUARTS DEPARTMENT STORE**, 132 Worcester Street, North Grafton, Wednesday, November 1, 10 a.m. to noon. All clinics are free and open to the public, except as noted. For more information, call 865-4373.

Harvest Fair

MILLBURY - The golden days of October are fast disappearing, and with their absence the date of the St. Brigid's Women's Club's Harvest Fair, November 4, looms ever closer. The fair will be held in the church hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a number of tables to visit to start your Christmas shopping early. A snack table will also be available to satisfy your needs for a cup of hot coffee or a bite to eat. The raffle table will have many attractive articles for you to take chances on. Among the many articles is a beautiful hand-crafted doll house, completely furnished.

The Baked Goods table always features many home cooked items to appeal to all tastes. The White Elephant Table is usually overflowing with articles of every description where one person's cast-off is another person's treasure. Crafts consisting of needlepoint, knitting, and crocheted articles will also be on display.

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Sutton's Loss - Vermont's Gain

By Terry Barnicle

SUTTON - All board members were present for the September 17 meeting.

Off to Vermont

Board members wished Town Planner Ted Brovitz a fond farewell. Brovitz is leaving his position in Sutton to assume the town planner's position in Brattleboro, Vermont. The board thanked him for the excellent services he has performed over the past two years.

Skye Line Drive Update

The selectmen and planning board discussed the tri-party agreement and its alleged non-fulfillment by the developer, Tex Corp. On the question of pulling the performance bond, Selectman Wally Johnson remarked, "What's a bond for if we don't use it?"

The selectmen instructed Town Administrator Dexter Blois to contact town counsel and explore the possible institution of litigation.

Town Engineer's Credentials

A discussion was held by the board with town engineer Dick Wharton conceming his engineering credentials. Wharton has asked for a three month extension on the presentation of his credentials stating that it might take that long to obtain them from the State of Pennsylvania.

Wharton explained that states have reciprocal agreements in this regard, but that the paper work involved takes a considerable amount of time. To prove his point, he called upon Enrico Betti, Chairman of the Earth Removal Board, who stated, "In my case, reciprocity took six to seven months. A friend's took eight months. My reciprocity in Vermont took 3 months."

Wharton apologized for not initiating the process sooner, citing his workload in the Sutton Engineering Department.

Blois recommended approval of the three month extension, and Chairman LaBonte commented, "A three month extension would be a vote of confidence."

Selectman Mike Chizy said he would agree to the three month extension with an update each month.

Selectman Carl Licopoli suggested a one month extension "to keep on top of this." Selectman Wally Johnson agreed.

Licopoli then offered an amendment to that effect, which was passed.

At this point, Wharton interjected, "I feel that I'm being put on the spot. I am only one man doing three persons' work. I have a family, and I have to make plans to provide for them."

Johnson remarked, "I will go 30 (days) more and 30 (days) more to make 90 days, if necessary."

Selectwoman Mary K. Connor observed, "Too much engineering work is being contracted for, instead of being done by the Town Engineering Department. This vote is not a vote of confidence."

LaBonte, saying he was very comfortable with Wharton's work, remarked, "Thirty days is negative."

"If it has been taken in the wrong way," Connor said, "I will change my vote."

Licopoli then stated, "The issue is what this engineering department will be; how much in-house and how much (contracted) outside."

Connor made a motion for a 90 day extension with an update every 30 days. The motion passed unanimously.

Kids Country

Blois informed the board that Fire Chief Pete Peterson received a request from the Committee for Kids' Country seeking permission to raise a banner over the fire station.

Licopoli asked, "If we can't endorse it, how can we vote to allow the erection of a banner?"

LaBonte replied, "There's a difference between endorsing Kid's Country and allowing a banner (to be erected) for this worthwhile cause."

Connor remarked, "I wouldn't want to vote on it, but would recommend to allow it because it's a good cause. In the future, I would prefer that such a committee have a post office box and not use the Town Hall address."

Chizy agreed, asking, "If the money disappears, what then?"

Linda Roach, Chairwoman of the Affordable Housing Committee, commented, "If a banner were allowed, it would give the impression that the town was (officially) involved."

Roach continued, "I fund raise for the Little League, but I wouldn't suggest using the Town Hall as an address."

The selectmen voted unanimously to inform the Sutton Playground and Fitness Committee that, for their own benefit and to keep their own individuality, they should obtain another post office box.

Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

A weekend in Vermont - nice to see the folks again, and driving down there was no rain. "Vermont's green mountains vying to take your glance from the Adirondacks across the Lake." Hopefully this change in the weather will stay with us for awhile.

CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS: Just a reminder that the monthly Penny Social put on by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Charles F. Minney Post #3329, Veterans of Foreign Wars, South Main Street, will be held on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the country store table, there will be a large table of gifts. Bingo will also be played in the interim. Anyone 18 years of age or older is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Bertha Lee and Roseanna Lebel are co-chairing this event.

ST. BRIGID'S WOMEN'S CLUB: plans are completed for the Harvest Fair to be held on Saturday, November 4 at the church hall. Co-chairwomen are Kathy Hackett and Madeline Hartline.

There will be a snack table where patrons can lunch while browsing at the crafts table, white elephant table, balked goods, raffle table and others. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Drawings will be held before closing. Come and do your Christmas shopping early!

WIT AND WISDOM

- The world is your cow, but you have to do the milking.
- It is better to wear out than to rust out.
- Laziness and poverty go hand in hand.

Center School Flea Market and Give-Away

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Committee has authorized the selling of old student furnishings and equipment to the general public on Saturday, October 28. A number of items will be given away to the public as long as the person wishing an item provides the means of removing that item from the Center School. A custodian will be present at the Center School between 9 a.m. and noon to assist anyone who wishes to make purchases or take equipment from the premises. Any inquiries regarding the above should be made to Thomas Hamilton, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at 865-2277.

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School Committee Agrees to Pick Up Tab for Use of Gym by Pee Wee Basketball

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Chairman Hanratty called the October 18 School Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Performance and Accountability

The first item discussed concerned a request for discussion on performance and accountability in all areas of the school department. Committeeman Ed Wilczynski, who placed the item on the agenda, noted that Curriculum Coordinator Dr. David Troughton had reported on the goals of the teaching staff. "I would ask the administration to consider expanding it to all areas in the system, such as custodial," he said. "I'm looking for a better way of having checks and balances."

Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia responded that all staff people are evaluated. "I don't think I can do a better job than what I am doing now," he said. "Teachers know of the high expectations the administration have. I have worked hard with team leaders and principals at the High School, Elmwood Street and the Middle School. There are a lot of good things going on. Dr. Troughton is working hard in establishing goals and curriculum."

"I am not suggesting that Dr. Troughton is doing better than anyone else," Wilczynski said. "I am asking that the Educational Plan format be expanded to include all areas of the system."

Sylvia replied that it wouldn't be easy to do with a classified staff. "The type of work related to teachers is different," he said. "Every job has its own responsibilities. If a specific example is given I will certainly try. We not only emphasize the positive side but also try to work on the weaknesses."

Sale of Stored Items

Sylvia requested authority from the committee to advertise the sale of items and materials stored in the Center School. Sylvia said he would have the custodians sell the old furnishings and, if necessary, give some away that couldn't be sold. A letter will be sent to the Historical Society to see if any of the items have historical value. Committeeman Bruce Pease suggested that other town departments be contacted to see if they could use any of the items.

PeeWee Basketball

Craig Pojani was present to discuss the rental of school department gyms for the Pee Wee Basketball program. He said the League ended up with a deficit of $700 last year. According to Pojani, the total bill for gym use time last year was $2500, with $1500 coming from the School Committee and $1000 from Pee Wee. He said over 200 youngsters are serviced by the program. "We are asking the school committee to cover the entire bill for gym time this year, at $2500," Pojani said.

Sue Pierce said that, with the use of the gym time projected by Pee Wee and the hourly rates for custodians, she projects the cost to be a little over $3,000 this year.

Hanratty said he could go along with $3,000 to cover the cost of using the gym, but that if more time is added by PeeWee they would have to cover the additional costs. The committee voted 4-0-1 in favor, Jane Pojani abstaining.

Hanratty added that the committee may not be able to support Pee Wee next year if there is less than level funding.

SAT Prep Classes

According to Sylvia, evening SAT Preparation classes have not been as well attended as pre-registration indicated. Wilczynski asked Sylvia to find out why.

Custodians at Athletic Events

In response to an issue raised several weeks ago by Pojani concerning the overtime account in the custodial account, committee members were split on the need for having two custodians at Windle Field during athletic events. Pojani noted that the overtime account was over $1200 this past pay period, which she called "ridiculous." She also questioned why two custodians were needed when a police officer is on duty to direct traffic.

At a previous meeting, other members of the committee said they would go along with the recommendations of the Athletic Director and the Maintenance Supervisor.

Spelling

Wilczynski spoke to the issue of spelling which he has raised several times over the past year. He suggested that spelling errors should be noted on students' written work.

Troughton explained that spelling is not specifically dealt with in the writing program but is included on expectation sheets for teachers and students.

Wilczynski argued that it should be an every day occurrence. He also said that teachers should be identifying misspelled words throughout the system.

With respect to writing, Sylvia emphasized that a final draft would be concerned with spelling, but in developing writing in different drafts emphasis is placed on creative ideas and the expression of ideas.

Hanratty maintained that spelling should not be addressed all the time as it would drive students away from writing.

Call-In for Absences

Committeeman Alan Marble commented on a flyer that was sent home to parents requesting that they call the school when their children will be absent. He asked about the progress in using volunteers to call parents when they have not called in. Troughton said that Volunteer Coordinator Linda Tift raised a concern about volunteers receiving access to certain kinds of information.

Class Sizes

Sylvia remarked that information on class sizes was available in each member's packet of information. Pojani observed that one teacher in the music department at the high school has only one student. Sylvia maintained that if that class was dropped the teacher would have nothing to do during that period.

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Another Point of View

Penalty for Prudence
Reward for Fiscal Irresponsibility
Another Nail in the Coffin

By Lawrence Moore

It isn't often that three headlines rush to mind. One of those times is the current hare-brained, illogical, ill-conceived, indefensible and downright unfair "Emergency Local-Aid Grants" to 51 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

Why? It makes patsies of the taxpayers of Sutton, blessed with:

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We respected Proposition 2 1/2, and overrode to get what we needed. It will never happen again! Proposition 2 1/2 is now a shambles. "Wait it out and they will bail you out!" is the watchword of the future.

The following letter from Mary K. Connor, a member of the Board of Selectmen, to Senator John Houston, tells the story better than I can:

"I would like to make you aware of a concern I have about how the Emergency State Aid is now being distributed to towns particulary hard hid by the cut backs in local aid distributions. I am concerned about the message the State is sending to communities which are trying to deal with unpredictable and devastating loss of state monies, while at the same time working in good faith within the framework imposed by Proposition 2 1/2.

"This past spring the Sutton Board of Selectmen, along with other Town officials, went to the people and told them that our fiscal needs were real and that an override vote was the only way to meet these needs. The people in Sutton responded by passing a general override by a comfortable margin. You may be interested to know that part of the campaign in favor of the override used the slogan "We Can't Rely on Boston - We Must Take Care of Sutton ourselves". The tax bills which will be going out in the next few weeks will reflect the cost of this vote of confidence - an increase in the tax rate of $1.75 attributable to this override vote alone. The people in Sutton have also supported the schools, the Fire Department and the Town hall through four exemption votes over the past few years.

"In our neighboring Town of Northbridge, officials also went to the people with an override question. I don't pretend to know a lot about that town's financial situation, but I do know that two major projects in Northbridge - the police station and the High School renovation - have not been exempted from the levy limitations of 2 1/2. And I am sure that Northbridge faces the same increase in fixed costs such as health insurance and salaries which make it next to impossible to live within the constraints of 2 1/2 WITHOUT going for an override. The people of Northbridge defeated the override question by an overwhelming margin. I am sure there were many reasons people voted 'No'. I am equally sure one of the reasons was that old feeling that, somehow, things would not be as bad as officials were saying.

So, what's the message to Sutton voters and taxpayers? If our override question had failed, the Town would be in true fiscal crisis now. We are rewarded for voting "yes" with tax bill increases of, on the average, $367 per household. Northbridge is rewarded for voting 'no' with a gift from the state of over $700,000, more than 1/3 of the requested override amount.

This situation points out the frustrations of Towns in trying to deal with Proposition 2 1/2. It also points out the inconsistences and inequities of the current local finance structure. I intend to bring this issue before our Board for discussion, particularly in light of your efforts to reform the local finance structure through the Hamill Task Force. Please continue these efforts for they are badly needed."

Hoping for some logic, I listed the 13 central Massachusetts towns who received grants and compared dollars and population. There is no logic. It seems that the worse a town is run, the better the chances for aid.

	GRANT	POPULATION
Ashby	$56,000	2,611
Ayer	306,000	6,014
Bellingham	101,000	14,140
Holliston	28,000	13,213
Lancaster	130,000	5,978
Lunenburg	20,000	8,512
Maynard	41,000	9,890
Monson	170,000	7,249
Northbridge	707,000	12,800
orange	386,000	6,844
Spencer	26,000	11,375
Wales	56,000	1,177
Worcester	1,679,000	16,4655

What now!

Faced with this "quick-draw" kind of financing, the electorate must think of this as another nail in the coffin of our present power structure.

Those of us in prudently run towns must let it be known that we will not pay higher state taxes to support irresponsible towns. Write! Call! Don't be victimized because of your reluctance to make your feelings known. The Duke is out, but every legislator must run in 1990. Let's make them run scared. If they had $20 million, why didn't they add it in the beginning!

Whist Party

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ will hold an afternoon Whist Party on Wednesday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets are $2.00 and may be purchased from members or at the door. There will be prizes and attendance gifts, and refreshments will be served. For further information, call 799-2622, 757-8763, or 755-3591.

Raymond Memorial Church is located on Raymond Street in East Millbury, off Rte. 122 near the entrance to the Massachusetts Turnpike. The public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

November Highlights

HOLIDAY SILK FLOWER ARRANGING - Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. The Friends of the Library invites you to learn the basics of flower arranging by making a holiday arrangement. Cost of this program is $15 per person to cover materials. Registration starts on October 24. Payment due at time of registration. For more information, call 865-1181.

FRIENDS OF THE MILLBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING - Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY REGISTRATION DRIVE begins Tuesday, November 7. During school, kindergarten students will have a chance to get a library card, free and easy, and in time for their library visit on November 14 and 17.

BOOKMARK CONTEST AWARDS' PRESENTATION, November 14, 6:15 p.m. Winners of our annual Children's Book Week Bookmark Contest will be announced and presented with awards.

BEDTIME STORIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND UP - this is a special story hour for kids and their parents. Youngsters are invited to come clad in their favorite pajamas or nighties and listen to bedtime stories told by our special Millbury storytelling guests: **KELTON JOHNSON**, Principal of Elmwood Street School, Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m.; **DAVE MATSON**, Millbury Town Clerk, Wednesday, November 15, 6:15 p.m.; **ALEC BELISLE**, from the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle, Thursday, November 15, at 6:15 p.m.

ART EXHIBITION OF THE WORKS OF AREA ARTIST MICHAEL GRAVES, reception and opening, Saturday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THANKSGIVING CRAFT PROGRAM, Wednesday, November 22, at 3:30 p.m. Children in grades 3 and up are invited to this holiday craft program to learn how to make place cards for their Thanksgiving Day table. Registration starts Tuesday, November 14.

Millbury Woman's Club

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will meet on Monday, November 6, at the First Congregational Church, West Main Street. A mini-luncheon will be served at noon. Guest speaker Irene Hermanson, from the Cooperative Extension Service, will explain the connection between stress and personal wellness in her talk entitled, "Stressed out?".

Co-chairwomen for this event are Aline Bourdeau and Rita Lawson. Their committee will include the following: Doris Blondin, Loretta Goodreau, Vivian Gustafson, Betty Kotzen, Carmen LaChance, Lillian Sheehan, Martha Stafinski, Irene Sullivan, and Madeline Verbasius.

Holly Day Fair

WORCESTER - The Quinsigamond United Methodist Church, 9 Stebbins Street, will hold a Holly Day Fair on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The following will be featured: bake table, children's table, craft table, grabs, handicrafts, harvest table, holiday decorations, snack bar, white elephant table.

Candidates Sought for Recreation Committee

MILLBURY - The Board of Selectmen has voted to establish a Recreation Committee for the purpose of accomplishing a broader base of recreation, focusing on supplementing activities in addition to what the Town has in place. The end result will be to provide entertainment for all interests.

A seven member committee is proposed, to consist of a representative of the elderly, the business community, a member of the Youth Commission, a member of the Parks Commission, an individual knowledgeable in general government finances, and two citizens at large.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee can contact the Selectmen's office at 865-4710.

Vacancy on Board of Health

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 11, the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen are required to fill the vacancy on the Board of Health. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of the Town of Millbury and shall perform the duties of the office until the next annual election.

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet with the Board of Health on Tuesday, November 7, 1989 to make this appointment.

Anyone interested in this position should make themselves known by calling a member of the Board or by calling their office at 865-4710.

Board of Selectmen
Town of Millbury

Women's Bowling League

Becky Rushton rolled the High Triple again this week with a 310, strings of 117-96-97. Rolling Second High was Pat Gaspar, a 308 with strings of 104-111-93. Ellen Bouvier rolled Third High, a 294, with strings of 92-92-110. Becky also rolled the high single with her 117.

Rolling "100 and Over" were: Pat Gaspar, 111-104; Becky Rushton, 117; Ellen Bouvier, 110; Gail Higginbottom, 103; and Martha Bekier, 101.

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Wiseguys	34	14
Dynasty	25	23
Cheers	22	26
Different Strokes	22	26
M.A.S.H.	22	26
High Rollers	19	29

High Average
Pat Gaspar - 103.3
Charlotte Gabree - 97.6
Becky Rushton - 95.3

High Triple
Pat Gaspar - 328
Charlotte Gabree - 325
Becky Rushton - 320

High Single
Pat Gaspar - 131
Marge McArdle - 124
Becky Rushton - 119

Top 10
Pat Gaspar - 103.3
Charlotte Gabree - 97.6
Becky Rushton - 95.3
Kathy Marble - 94.2
Gail Higginbottom - 93.3
Ann Coons - 92.4
Marge McArdle - 92.3
Mary Jo Boire - 91.4
Debby Boire - 90.9
Ellen Bouvier - 90.1

Church Women United

World Community Day will be observed in Millbury on Friday, November 3, at the Millbury Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m. President Aline Bourdeau will preside. Hostesses from the Millbury Baptist Church will be Edith Watkins, Juanita Bullard, and Hilda Howe.

The topic of the day will be "To Pray Is To Risk." Guest speaker will be Mary-Jane Williams, Director of Christian Education of the Military Street Baptist Church in Houlton, Maine. World Community Day is an ecumenical event, sponsored annually by Church Women United, that brings Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women together to focus on issues of the wider global community and to heighten awareness of the whole human family. By seeking to raise consciousness through prayer, World Community Day challenges churchwomen in the United States to make critical connections between faith and prayer, politics and action to bring about justice and peace in the world.

This year's worship service was prepared by a group of Korean-American women of faith who have lived as immigrants in the United States and suffered poverty and discrimination here. They reflect both their own and the feelings of their sisters in Korea who have been grievously oppressed by the dictatorial government there. These are women who know the meaning of "risk" in their own lives.

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SELECTMEN from Page 4

Gauthier said he was very upset by statements in the article that said granite curbing was taken out of Grove and Church Streets and replaced with bituminous concrete berms. He said there never was any granite curbing there.

Gauthier also took issue with a statement made by Planning Board member Lillian Moore that granite curbing was being thrown away. "The town is not throwing it away," Gauthier said. "There are a lot of shenanigans going on. They're (planning board) starting to change the rules and regulations." Cristo said it appears that there are a couple of members of the planning board who are deviating from the regulations.

Correspondence

Gauthier referred to a letter that indicated a summons was received for land taking for a sewer easement. The board approved Earl Chase's recommendation that an attorney be hired to handle the case for the town.

Resignation

The board unanimously approved the resignation of Brent Lerch from the Personnel Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Annual Church Fair

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will hold its annual fair on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured at the tables this year will be handcrafts, raffles, baked goods, cheese, pickles, baked beans, candy, and a bargain table loaded with treasures.

Lunch will be available from the vestry kitchen. Relax and enjoy a bowl of steaming homemade corn chowder with a hot dog, or take a quick break for coffee "and." The public is invited to start (or finish) their holiday shopping at the fair.

Millbury Baptist Revival Services

MILLBURY - Millbury Baptist Church, Main Street on the Common, will hold a series of Revival Services from Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 5. The Wednesday through Saturday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the services will be held at the 9:15 Sunday School, the 11:00 Worship Service, and will conclude at 6:00 p.m.

According to "Pastor Rae" Cameron, it may be wrong to call these times of special services "Revival Services," but that is the traditional term among Baptists. "Revival is a work of God to do exceptional things that have exceptional results that cannot be done by any human agency," Cameron said. "The religious climate of our society needs this kind of revival. It is hoped and prayed for that these Revival Services will be used of God to bring revival to us all."

Cameron said the Reverend Dr. Foster Williams, who will be preaching during these services, is one of America's outstanding preachers today. "Preceded by a time of singing and praying, his messages will be geared to bring about a revival," Cameron said. "Everyone and anyone who wants to have an experience of revival in their own souls is warmly welcome to join in these Revival Services."

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

What should we do about the transients who come through Millbury? I've had a couple lately, and I'll share with you what I did with a Christian conscience that feels some degree of guilt about whether I did the right thing.

The first called on the phone about every hour on the hour. He must have had some means to make all those calls from a pay booth. Then he told us he was a Canadian down here on vacation. My parents were from Canada, I have Canadian relatives, and I've lived in Canada and in Aroostook County, Maine, right next door to Canada. Canadians do not go on "vacation;" they go "on holiday," so I was a bit suspicious right off. I called the Salvation Army for some expertise and they do not give travel money, but defer to the Traveler's Aid; they gave me that phone number. I called them and they said to have him call them and come to Boston for help. So that's where I left him.

The next fellow came to us during Sunday School. He had been dumped off by a mover who had hired him out of Long Island, New York. He wanted to do some work to earn enough to get back home. Well, I guess he earned his money as he had to stay through Sunday School and Church and then help us move an organ to Notre Dame Des Canadiens. We bought him a bus ticket and sent him on his way. He swore he would never come back to Massachusetts, but I met him on the sidewalk here in Millbury two days later. He claims to have gone home and flew back as they had caught the mover and he was to testify in court. Well, so much for him.

On the one hand, the religious leaders passed by the mugged man in the story of the Good Samaritan. Christians want to be "Good Samaritans" and help their fellow man, their neighbor. Yet, even as a Christian, I don't like to be used or abused as the case may be. On the other hand, Jesus taught us that we would always have the poor with us. To help some people may not really help them at all.

WCR Names Lorraine Konisky State Woman of the Year

The Women's Council of Realtors has named local Realtor Lorraine Konisky, GRI, State Woman of the Year. The honoree is chosen from among nominees from each Local Chapter whose names are submitted because of their outstanding accomplishments in business, community and professional activities.

The selection committee uses a number of criteria to determine their choice. The award is given to an outstanding Realtor who has gained public recognition from the manner in which business is conducted, not from the number of dollars earned, and for participation in community and professional activities.

Konisky has been chosen this year's State Woman of The Year because of her outstanding reputation as a caring and devoted professional Realtor whose concerns for her clients outweigh her own. She was also recognized for her active participation on professional committees as Past President of the Women's Council of Realtors of the Worcester Chapter, during which time she brought her chapter national recognition. Presently, she is the Secretary of the Massachusetts State Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors and on the Governing Board of the Worcester Chapter.

She has recently published an article, "Secure Retirement Takes Shrewd Financial Planning Now!" in Communique the national publication of the Women's Council of Realtors of the National Association of Realtors.

Haunted House in Sutton

SUTTON - The Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship of the First Congregational Church will host a Haunted House at the church on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31, from 5-7 p.m. There will be a $1.00 admission charge. All are welcome, especially elementary age children (younger or older if you dare).

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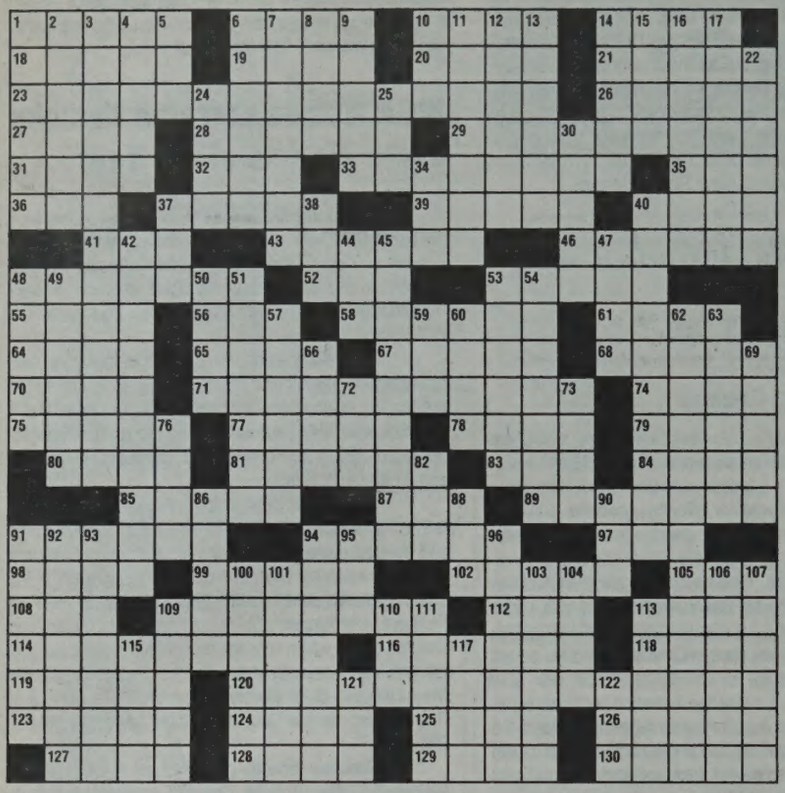

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The Millbury Housing Partnership (MHP) is seeking letters of interest from professional planning/engineering firms to complete a preliminary site analysis of seven town-owned properties. This study has been funded under the Municipal Advance Program by the Executive Office of Communities and Development and must be completed by January 30, 1990.

Copies of the RFQ may be obtained by contacting the Millbury Town Planner, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Please submit your responses to the MHP by October 30, 1989.

James Fitzpatrick
Chairman

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four areas which are recommended as neighborhood preservation districts." Among the areas mentioned were: Old Common, Maple Street, Buck's Village, Prospect Street, Hamilton/Miles Street, Cherry Street and Felters.

Burr also said that the report will aid the town in its overlay project by identifying those structures and areas which may be included in the overlays for future reference.

The inventory will be available to the public shortly, and the Historical Commission will announce the location where the information can be reviewed.

Potential Development in West Millbury

Don Graves, representing Graves Engineering Inc. of Worcester, was asked by developers, Jon LeClaire, Builders; Singletary Enterprises, Inc.; and Longwood Estates to make a presentation on a potential proposal to extend water and sewer lines and to construct 256 units in the West Main Street area.

Graves explained that the area includes 57 acres owned by LeClaire, 142 acres of the Singletary Enterprise property (the old Windle Airport property), and Longwood Estates, consisting of 98 acres.

In an October 3 letter to the Millbury Sewer Commissioners, J.T. Gaucher, project engineer for Graves Engineering, explained that the proposed sewer will serve two subdivisions. "The first subdivision, LeClaire/ Singletary, is currently perceived as a 200 unit open space community consisting of three and four bedroom unit single family and/or multi-family (duplex) dwellings. It will be located on North Oxford Road on land owned by Jon R. LeClaire Builders, Inc. and Singletary Enterprises, Inc."

According to the letter, the second subdivision, Longwood Estates, "is currently perceived as a 56 unit conventional residential development consisting of three bedroom single family dwellings. It will be located on the northerly side of West Main Street east of Ramshorn Brook."

Graves explained that the developers plan on bringing water and sewer lines 15,000 feet from Beach Street along West Main Street. He also said the developers met with the sewer commissioners on October 3. "We were very positive after leaving the meeting that they could handle the sewerage flow," Graves said. "They were very excited over the possibility of the sewer line extension which would cover a major portion of the initial master plan for the extension of the sewerage system extending up near Singletary Lake and going up as far as T.J. Hindley's."

Graves said the developers would be continuing their discussions with the water company about extending water lines into the area as well. He added that the extension of these utilities would be a major benefit to the town since properties that abut the water and sewer lines would be able to connect to them.

According to Graves, the projected $1.3 million installation cost of water and sewerage lines is a concern to the developers. He said the determining factor for the project is the number of units that the developer can construct. Present zoning requires 80,000 for each single family unit. Graves asked the board for direction on a number of issues.

Of major importance to the developers is the size of the lots the board would require. Board member Terry Burke Dotson said that, as far as she knew, there is no reduction in the 80,000 sq. ft. lot size for a single family home because the location is an aquifer recharging area.

Graves then inquired about constructing duplexes on 80,000 sq. feet. Board member Anne Kniskern told him that the provisions for duplexes are 80,000 sq. ft. plus an additional 10,000 sq. ft. for the first bedroom and an additional 5,000 sq. ft. for each additional bedroom.

Graves explained that the developers would like to calculate the number of units permitted on the tract and arrange the units in a cluster development, thereby preserving the open space. He asked if the developer could take, as an example, 100,000 sq. ft for a duplex and for density purposes, and consider 50,000 sq. ft. for a single family residence.

Town Planner Dave Hulseberg replied, "I'll be honest with you, I don't think any of us would like to see 100 duplexes up there." He suggested that the board work with the developer rather than have the developer skirt the planning board by going to the Zoning Board of Appeals for waivers.

"We should start working together," Hulseberg said, "and taking a look at what could be done because there are some definite benefits to having sewers provided within the aquifer zone. That effluent will not be going into our Zone 2 and Zone 3 and into our water supply." He said the area would be better served by the planning board if they were to create a bylaw which would preserve upland open space which could be used, rather than factor in land which involves power line easements or wetlands.

Board member Arthur Moore asked Graves if he is looking to have the lot size requirement reduced to 40,000 sq. ft. Graves responded that the developer would like to see that but understands that the zoning requirements do not allow it. He added that the developers do not plan to build on 50,000 sq. ft. lots, "but would like to use a 50,000 sq. ft. lot, or 100,000 sq. ft. for a duplex, and figure density on that. If that meant we could build 90 duplexes, that's 180 units, we would like to take 180 units and cluster them into a cluster arrangement."

Hulseberg explained that new bylaws state that only 10% of wetlands can be factored into the buildable area; 90% of buildable land has to be uplands. "That figure plays very important into what you're doing," he said.

When asked for a tentative time schedule, Graves said, "I'd love to say a year and a half from now. It depends on the market. If the market is going, (the developers) they'd probably start on it immediately; if the market is soft, they might sit on it a while."

Hulseberg explained that if the developer wants to consider a bylaw change at the next town meeting, he would have to have it prepared for January.

Graves stated that he did not think a bylaw change was necessary.

Dotson responded that right now there are no waivers to the bylaw.

Hulseberg explained that was true, but under the bylaw, the developer could come in and construct 100 duplex units under the bylaw. "I think the sense of the board - unless I'm reading it wrong - is that they're not very much in favor of 100 duplex units. It would not be a favorable type of subdivision. You'd be better off to create a scenario where you could cluster develop without the duplex units." Hulseberg explained that the way the bylaw is written, the developer would have to build duplexes if they want two units on 95,000 sq ft. lots.

Lewandowski cautioned LeClaire that bylaws sometimes are difficult to pass especially when they generate interest as in a project like this. "It's up to the people in the area as to what they're going to want."

LeClaire responded that they could always build duplexes under the present bylaw if the bylaw fails.

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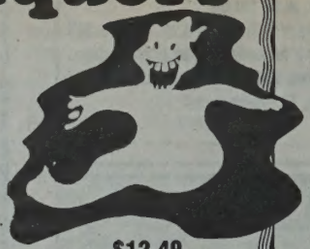

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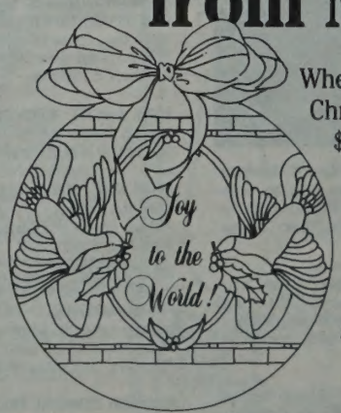

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